



Weekly Update October 12-16

Halloween



Halloween will still be happening at Earl Kitchener, however, it will look a little different. Please find below the School Board protocols that will be in place to ensure everyone remains safe:

- Students can come in costumes to school as in previous years (e.g., no weapons, no costume masks that might impede vision, no inappropriate images, etc.). Students should not be changing into costumes at school.
- Student costumes must be able to accommodate a face covering as per COVID requirements
- No costume parades are permitted
- No in-person assemblies are permitted
- No sharing/distributing food or drink is permitted
- Maintain safe practices including physical distancing and hand hygiene

School Messenger

There have been some “glitches” with the School Messenger system over the past week, and those issues are getting resolved. Should you still have issues getting into your account, please call the school so we can ensure we have all of your up-to-date information. In some cases, it may be necessary to delete and reload the app.

Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 2:00am. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

Physical Distancing Protocol



Please be aware of distancing when arriving to, and leaving from school property. Concerns have been raised by some EK families about large groups of parents and students walking together after school with no masks. Although this is not always on school property, everyone needs to be conscious of distancing and mask wearing at all times to ensure everyone's safety. We need to model this behaviour to our students, to let them know how vital it is.

New Student Attestation for Returning Students

Should your child be sent home from school feeling ill, they will bring home an attestation form that needs to be completed and returned on their first day back to school. This form outlines that parents understand and agree to the return-to-school protocols. This form is also available on the HWDSB website for families that do not receive a form directly from the school



Dress for the Weather

As the weather starts to cool down, please be sure that your child comes to school dressed accordingly. A light jacket or sweater is recommended this time of year as mornings are quite cool. If your child does not want to wear it, please ensure it is in their backpack in case it is needed during the day.



Masks on School Property

This is just a reminder that **EVERYONE** (parents/staff/students) **MUST** wear a mask when on school property. This includes the front yard of the school. It would also be very beneficial to wear them on both Stanley Street and Homewood Avenue during drop off and pick up, when physical distancing can be a challenge.

Absence/Late/Early Pick Up

Please be sure that you are using the School Messenger system for all attendance. Absences, late arrivals and early pick ups are all to be entered via this system, which is also available on the Parent Portal under “attendance”.